(b) After completing procedural requirements, including approval of the Cabinet and drafting of Bill, etc. the proposed Legislation will be introduced in the Parliament.

(c) The total number of societies registered/deemed to be registered under the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 is 281. State-wise break up of the number of such Societies is given in the Statement.

Statement

SL No	, Name of the States	No. of Multi State Cooperative Societies
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9
2.	Assam	2
3.	Bihar	1
4.	Delhi	36
5.	Gujarat	11
6.	Haryana	7
7.	Karnataka	6
8.	Rajasthan	5
9.	Maharashtra	85
10.	Madhya Pradesh	2
11.	Tamilnadu	70
12.	West Bengal	31
13.	Punjab/U.T. of Chandigarh	9
14.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
15.	Uttar Pradesh	4
16.	Goa	2
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Checking mishap in nuclear installations

319. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an accident similar to the one that occurred in a uranium processing plant last month in Japan could occur in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board had prepared a report in 1995 listing defects in various nuclear installations; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken to check any mishap of any kind in the nuclear installations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONER'S WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC

GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No Sir. All fuel processing and fabrication plants in India have been constructed after a rigorous safety review of its design and are operated in strict accordance with technical specifications approved by the regulatory body.

(b) Regular assessment of the overall safety of nuclear installations is a common practice among nuclear agencies. All countries which operate nuclear installations make periodic assessments of their safety and implement the necessary modifications and improvements to upgrade their safety status to the maximum extent possible. Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) report prepared in 1995 is in line with the international practice and is a collation largely based on the reports of safety reviews carried out from time to time by AERB and its various committees. Systematic action plan had been drawn up to resolve each of these issues by the unit concerned, in consultation with AERB.

(c) Effective administrative and technical machinery has always been in place to monitor and enforce safety stipulations in the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) installations to prevent any mishap of any kind in the nuclear installations.

Generation of nuclear power

320. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of generating of nuclear power has been lagging;

(b) if so,the total nuclear power target fixed during the last 3 years and target achieved;

(c) the reasons for not achieving the fixed target;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to boost generation of nuclear power and to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINNISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL ANDTRAIN1NG, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONER'S WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):